Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—In this khariff scarcity area irrigable area is very well. Will the Government give preference to these tanks when they are investigated?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Government is seriously contemplating to bestow better thought to develop irrigation in this area. Very recently during the minor irrigation fort-night programme, Government has already investigaged about 34 tank works and 4 bandara works.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—There are certain tank works and bandhara works in respect of which investigations have been completed and reports have been sent to the Government by the Chief Engineer. Will the Government sanction them early and execute the work early?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Government will do its best to sanction them as early as possible if they are feasible.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—There are certain over-tanks which require restoration as well as improvement so that there will be increase in the irrigable area, will the Government take them up early?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—All steps will be taken to improve those old tanks.

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## Consolidation of Holdings in Belgaum District.

*Q.—619. Sri P. G. SIDHANTI (Muddebihal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of villages in each taluk of Belgaum division where consolidation of holdings is taken up and also where the work is complete;

(*b*) the average period taken to complete the work in a village and what steps have Government taken to lessen the period;

(*c*) whether they intend to extend the Scheme and, if so, to what areas?

*A.*—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) In all 565 villages have been taken up for Consolidation of Holdings in Belgaum Division, of which the work is completed in respect of 360 villages.

(*b*) The average period taken up to complete the work ranges from one years to three year depending upon the the size of the villages and upon the number of objections received at various stages from the affected persons.

Additional staff of surveyors has been sanctioned to speed up the work. The question of appointment of Circle Officers who have got attestaion powers in place of Circle Inspectors is under examination.

(*c*) Yes. The question of making the Scheme of Consolidation of Holdings applicable to the entire State is under consideration of Government.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—Is the Government aware that in Bagewadi Taluka of Bijapur District, the consolidation work has gone on for more than nine years, still the work is not complete?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—In respect of 66 villages the work is completed; in respect of 25 villages the work is under progress.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—The works are going on for more than eight years, still they are not complete.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Naturally it takes more time as it involves introduction of survey settlement and there will be number of objections from the owners of lands.

Sri P.G. SIDHANTI.—Is the Government aware that the transactions as regards lands in those villages where consolidation work is taken up is held to be void? So, will the Government see that this work of consolidation is completed as early as possible?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—We have sanctioned an additional staff and now the work is stabilised. With the experience gained so far, it is quite possible to expedite the work.

Sri P.G. SIDHANTI.—May I request the Government that the work of consolidation should be finished first and then the new villages to be taken up?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I will bear the suggestion in mind.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Question time is over. We shall take up short notice questions.

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